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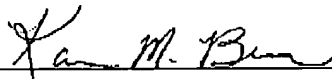
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action of June, 29, 2006, Applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1-3, 5-10, 13, and 21-26, drawn to a gene silencing site-specific recombination system comprising a first recombinase element having the general structure P1-R, wherein P1 is a first promoter and R is a recombinase coding sequence and 3' region; and a second gene silencing recombinase element having the general structure of: RS-X-RS*-Y.

The Office Action indicates that Applicant is required to select an additional species from Group I. Applicant hereby elects species C (5'Intron-TS_{Inv}-P2_{Inv}) as the nucleic acid of X and species F (3'Intron-TS_{Inv}-polyA) as the nucleic acid of Y.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has concluded that invention I is independent and distinct from inventions II and III. It is asserted that the inventions comprise a unique combination of fragments in different orientations resulting in each combination having a different function and structure.

Applicant respectfully traverses. The different structures identified in Groups I-III are variations upon a general methodology for conditionally regulating gene silencing with the use of site specific recombination systems that result in the expression of dsRNA.

Therefore, Applicants believe that the search for Invention I will encompass the majority of the information required for the examination of inventions II and III. Any further searching for examination of inventions II and III should not be an *undue* burden on the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction of groups I, II, and III.

Respectfully submitted,



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